Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 1-3 and 5-11 are amended.

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:
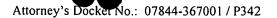
Listing of Claims:

1.   (Currently amended) A computer program product, tangibly stored on a computer-readable medium, comprising instructions operable to cause a programmable processor to:
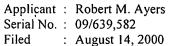
identify a page layout template having a plurality of dimensions including one or more variable dimensions, the template lacking a size specification for the variable dimensions and including at least one box having one or more adjustable metrics in the variable dimensions specifying at least one of a size of the box and a distance from the box to any other boxes, wherein the adjustable metrics of the at least one box include a synthesized metric, a synthesized metric being a metric whose value is defined as a function of the size of one or more boxes contained within the at least one box;

fix a size for each variable dimension of the template; and

adjust the metrics of the box based on the sizes.

2.   (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim 1, wherein the page layout template includes a plurality of boxes having a hierarchical relationship, and wherein the instructions operable to cause a programmable processor to adjust comprise instructions operable to cause a programmable processor to:

adjust the metrics of the boxes in hierarchical order.[[.]]

3.   (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim 2, wherein the instructions operable to cause a programmable processor to adjust comprise instructions operable to cause a programmable processor to:

adjust the metrics of the boxes independently in each dimension.[[.]]

4.   (Original) The computer program product of claim 2, wherein the instructions operable to cause a programmable processor to adjust comprise instructions operable to cause a programmable processor to:

adjust the metrics of the boxes, first in one dimension, and then in another dimension.

5.   (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim 4, further comprising instructions operable to cause a programmable processor to:

terminate adjusting of a particular box and its child boxes in a given dimension ~~at a hierarchical layer~~ when the particular box has a synthesized ~~size~~metric in the given dimension, a synthesized metric being a metric whose value is defined as a function of the size of its child boxes. [[.]]
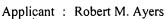
6.   (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim 5, further comprising instructions operable to cause a programmable processor to:

flow content into the boxes. [[.]]

7.   (Currently amended) A method, comprising:

identifying a page layout template having a plurality of dimensions including one or more variable dimensions, the template lacking a size specification for the variable dimensions and including at least one box having one or more adjustable metrics in the variable dimensions specifying at least one of a size of the box and a distance from the box to any other boxes, wherein the adjustable metrics of the at least one box include a synthesized metric, a synthesized

metric being a metric whose value is defined as a function of the size of one or more boxes contained within the at least one box;

    fixing a size for each variable dimension of the template; and

    adjusting the metrics of the box based on the sizes.[[.]]

8.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 7, wherein the page layout template includes a plurality of boxes having a hierarchical relationship, and wherein the adjusting step comprises: .

    adjusting the metrics of the boxes in hierarchical order.[[.]]

9.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 8, wherein the adjusting step comprises:

    adjusting the metrics of the boxes independently in each dimension.[[.]]

10.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 8, wherein the adjusting step comprises:

    adjusting the metrics of the boxes, first in the one dimension, and then in another dimension.[[.]]

11.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 10, further comprising:

    terminating adjusting of a particular box and its child boxes in a given dimension ~~at a hierarchical layer~~ when the particular box has a synthesized ~~size~~metric in the given dimension, a synthesized metric being a metric whose value is defined as a function of the size of its child boxes.[[.]]

12.   (Original) The method of claim 11, further comprising:

    flowing content into the boxes.